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## **Metamorphosis Points**

*Yuan Changming*

I would paint my skin  
Into a colorless color, & I would dye my hair  
Wear two blue contacts, & I would even  
Go for plastic surgery, but if I really do  
I assure you, I will not remove my native village  
Accent while speaking this foreign tongue (I began  
To imitate like a frog at age nineteen); nor will I  
Completely internalize the English syntax &  
Aristotelian logic.

No, I assure you that I'll not give up  
Watching movies or TV series, reading books,  
Listening to songs, each in Chinese though I hate them  
For being too low & vulgar. I was born to eat dumplings  
Doufu, & thus fated to always prefer to speak Mandarin  
Though I write in English. I assure you that even if I am  
Newly baptized in the currents of science, democracy &  
Human rights, I will keep in line with my father's  
Haplogroup just as my sons do. No matter how  
We identify ourselves or are identified by others, this is  
What I assure you: I will never convert my proto selfhood  
Into White Dataism, no, not  
In the yellowish muscle of my heart.